

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 2 and 7-9, without prejudice, and have amended claims 3 and 10 so as to be in independent format, including all of the elements of the underlying base claims. As claims 3 and 10 were indicated to be allowable if amended in the foregoing manner, and all other claims are dependent on either claim 3 or 10, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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